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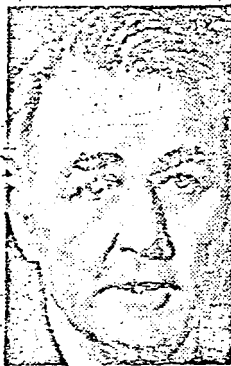
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# Turner Claims CIA 'Pilloried' On Iran Miscue

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The Central Intelligence Agency has been "pilloried" more than it deserves about its failure to predict the fall of the shah of Iran, CIA director Stansfield Turner said here.

But even if the intelligence agency had been able to foresee events, Turner said, "... I'm not sure what we could have done about it."



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Turner addressed about 400 luncheon guests yesterday at the 48th annual meeting of the World Affairs Council of Pittsburgh.

And, during a question and answer period, Turner fielded the query with a bit of humor.

Repeating the question for the gathered World Affairs members and guests and about 50 high school students, Turner said, "Would I like to comment on Iran? That matter has come up before."

He said Iran presented an "amorphous situation" with elements of political, economic and religious dissatisfaction combining to bring down the shah.

Turner said it was nearly impossible to predict that the 78-year-old Ayatollah Khomeini would be the cohesive force, but events have proven there was no common program then or now.

Turner told another questioner he has conferred with the U.S. Commerce Department about the possibility of briefing the American business community on the economic and political climate in foreign countries where they might wish to do business.

Turner maintained his "neutral stance" on the advisability of the proposed strategic arms limitation agreement, so that the CIA could concentrate on its task of evaluating the nation's ability to monitor the treaty.

The former commander of NATO forces in Southern Europe and a Naval Academy classmate of President Carter said he viewed as beneficial the fundamental changes that have taken place in the intelligence community.

These changes have occurred because of a changed perception of the U.S. role in world affairs, a technical revolution in the means of gathering intelligence data and greater public concern with the CIA.

Prior to Turner's address, the World Affairs Council presented the David Glick Award to Dr. Herbert A. Simon, professor at Carnegie-Mellon University and winner of the 1978 Nobel Prize for economics.